



Arizona School Facilities Board

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Dear Superintendent:

I am pleased to report that we had our first public forums in Flagstaff and Yuma this month. It was nice to hear all the compliments of the great work the School Facilities Board (SFB) has done for your schools. That is not to say there was not some dissatisfaction and concerns that we need to address and follow up on. Please see our website for the dates of future public forums we are sponsoring: www.sfb.state.az.us

Thank you for your response to our Customers Service Survey. We are reviewing the data and value your comments.

As the Deficiency Program moves into the final stages it is going to take corroboration between the SFB and your school districts so all the projects will be completed by June 30, 2004, as legislatively mandated. I would ask that you and your facilities staff be cooperative and responsive to the Project Management firms to assist with the closeout paperwork. It is imperative that your architects get these final closeout documents signed. We do not expect you to sign off on projects you feel are not complete or the quality is lacking, please communicate with us in those instances.

I realize that Preventive Maintenance continues to be a frustrating issue to deal with for your districts, as it is not a funded program. However, a substantial effort has been made to fix the deficiencies and we must have a program that will enable us to retain the gains we have accomplished. The Governor and the SFB remain committed to working with you to obtain resources that will enable us to continue improvements to our students' educational environments. I anticipate an Attorney General's opinion soon regarding the use of accumulated building renewal funds for Preventative Maintenance. I know we have a mutual interest in this area; I will keep you informed.

Please try to attend the forums in your area; I look forward to meeting you and hearing your comments.

I wish you a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Bell".

William Bell
Executive Director